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## ICAR-NBSS&LUP and VSI Pune sign MoU



Dr B P Bhaskar and Sambhaji Kadu Patil exchanging the MoUs.

## Staff Reporter

THE ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur (ICAR-NBSS&LUP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Vasantdada Sugar Institute (VSI), Pune to strengthen the research collaboration for sustainable sugarcane cultivation in India.

Dr B P Bhaskar, Acting Director, ICAR-NBSS&LUP and Sambhaji Kadu Patil, Director General, VSI signed MoU on behalf of their respective organisations. The joint collaboration would be of immense benefit to both parties by harnessing each other's capabilities for the interest of the farming community. ICAR-NBSS&LUP is known for its excellence in remote sensing and GIS applications in land resource inventory, land degradation assessment and land use planning, while VSI is known for its cutting-edge research, academic and extension programmes in overall sustainable sugarcane cultivation and the self-reliance of the Indian sugar industry.

Both organisations can jointly work in the application of remote sensing and GIS in mapping and characterisation of soil and identification of suitable areas for sugarcane-cultivated areas.